

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sundaram VENKATRAMAN et al.

Examiner: P. L. Morris

Application No.: 10/786,556

Group Art Unit: 1625

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For: CRYSTALLINE FORM Z OF RABEPRAZOLE
SODIUM AND PROCESS FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2006, in the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due August 10, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the claims. Upon entry, the claims pending for further proceedings will be those of the claim listing that begins at page 2 of this paper.

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